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In re Application of: :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) A recombinant nucleotide sequence  
containing, in the 5'→3' direction, a nucleotide sequence coding  
for an adenosine diphosphate glucose  $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan  $\alpha$ -4-  
glucosyltransferase or starch synthase EC 2.4.1.21, or for a